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WASHINGTON, November 14, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 8 totaled an estimated 18.7 billion ton-miles, 1.7 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 45 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 795 billion ton-miles, 0.3 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 8 totaled 457,596 cars, 4.6 percent below 1979, but 0.1 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 4.3 percent in the East, 3.2 percent in the South, and 5.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 19 of the 21 commodity groups were down; however, grain carloadings totaled 36,976, the highest individual week since the week ended July 14, 1973. Also, coal loadings were up 5,570 cars, or 4.9 percent. Thirteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 1 totaled 31,740 cars, down 16.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 57,116 trailers and/or containers, 15.6 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 44 weeks of the year was 1,413,483 cars, 11.0 percent lower than last year, and 2,567,058 trailers and/or containers, down 8.4 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/08/80:

	Loadings in Week Ended November 8, 1980	Change From Corresponding Week 1979		Change From Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	36,976	I 3,565	10.7	I 3,749	11.3
Other Farm Products	5,473	D 1,008	15.6	D 26	0.5
Metallic Ores	27,077	D 4,417	14.0	I 432	1.6
Coal	119,434	I 5,570	4.9	I 2,062	1.8
Crushed Stone, Gravel and Sand	14,886	D 2,483	14.3	I 198	1.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	15,562	D 253	1.6	D 584	3.6
Grain Mill Products	16,928	D 2,127	11.2	D 910	5.1
Food and Kindred Products	17,945	D 924	4.9	D 716	3.8
Primary Forest Products	20,258	D 1,127	5.3	I 1,441	7.7
Lumber and Wood Products Except Furniture	9,092	D 1,437	13.6	D 656	6.7
Pulp, Paper and Allied Products	19,374	D 1,724	8.2	D 1,197	5.8
Chemicals and Allied Products	27,338	D 1,151	4.0	D 413	1.5
Petroleum Products	5,328	D 725	12.0	D 119	2.2
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	15,910	D 2,068	11.5	I 430	2.8
Coke	5,485	D 529	8.8	I 208	3.9
Metals and Products	14,830	D 2,781	15.8	D 912	5.8
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	19,713	D 2,044	9.4	D 552	2.7
Waste and Scrap Materials	12,917	D 1,037	7.4	I 444	3.6
Forwarder and Shipper Association Traffic	11,230	D 1,252	10.0	D 455	3.9
All Other Carloads	41,591	D 4,110	9.0	D 2,185	5.0
LCL Traffic	249	D 116	31.8	D 2	0.8
Total Cars Loaded	457,596	D 22,178	4.6	I 237	0.1
Corresponding Week of 1979	479,774				

	1980	1979	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (45 Weeks)	19,676,277	20,832,926	D 5.6
Estimated Revenue Ton-Miles (In Billions):			
44 Weeks Cumulative	776.1	773.2	I 0.4
Week Ended November 8	18.7	19.0	D 1.7
45 Weeks Cumulative	794.8	792.2	I 0.3

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